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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "A Method and Apparatus for Generating and Managing a Language Model Data Structure" as identified above, which hereinafter will be referred to as the "Subject Application".

The subject matter disclosed, but not claimed, in U.S. Patent No. 6,904,402 to Wang et al. (hereinafter "Wang Patent") that is claimed in the Subject Application was conceived and invented by the inventors of the Subject Application. Of note, four of the inventors of the Wang Patent are also inventors of the Subject Application and further, the Subject Application and the Wang Patent have a common assignee. The subject matter should be attributed to the named inventive entity of the Subject Application, as filed, and therefore the Wang Patent is not available as prior art to the Subject Application.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the

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